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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement mailed February 28, 2003, applicants hereby elect as a single disclosed species a nonabsorbable biocompatible solution.

We believe no fees are due in connection with this response. If the Patent Office determines otherwise, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733

Respectfully submitted,

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